

REMARKS

Claims 9 to 16 are now pending.

OK With respect to paragraph one (1) of the Office Action, Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the election with traverse and for withdrawing the restriction requirement.

OK With respect to paragraph two (2), the disclosure was objected to due to informalities. Appropriate correction has been made to the specification and a brief description of Figure 6 has been included in the specification. Approval and entry are respectfully requested, as is withdrawal of the objection.

OK With respect to paragraph three (3), the specification was objected to as not providing proper antecedent basis for the subject matter of claims 9 and 13. Accordingly, the Detailed Description of the specification has been amended to reflect the text of original claim 1 of the original disclosure of the application. No new matter has been added and the added text is supported by the original disclosure of the patent application. Approval and entry are respectfully requested, as is withdrawal of the objection.

With respect to paragraph four (4), the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) as assertedly not showing the drain terminal of each of the two symmetrical MOS structures being connected to one another as in the subject matter of the claims. The objection and the request for a proposed drawing correction are respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

OK First, it is respectfully submitted that the transistor symbology of Figure 2 (together with the specification disclosure) does indicate this feature to a person having ordinary skill in the art. Second, it is not even necessary to show this feature because under 37 C.F.R. § 1.81 (a) -- to which 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) is subject, an applicant is only "required to furnish a drawing of [the] invention where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented", beyond the description of the application/specification disclosure. It is respectfully submitted that a drawing of the recited feature is not necessary for the understanding of the subject matter of the present application since this feature is adequately described in the application/specification disclosure, especially to a person having ordinary skill in the art. It is therefore respectfully requested that the drawing objection be withdrawn in view of the foregoing.

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OK With respect to paragraph five (5), claims 9 to 16 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite. Although the definiteness rejections may not be agreed with, to facilitate matters, claims 9 and 12 to 14 have been rewritten to better clarify the subject matter of those claims. It is therefore respectfully requested that the indefiniteness rejections be withdrawn.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 9 to 16 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the objections and rejections have been obviated, and that currently pending claims 9 to 16 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
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